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To: State Directors

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: 1999 Fire Preparedness Reviews

The National Office of Fire and Aviation began conducting fire preparedness reviews formally during the 1997 fire season. These reviews were lead by National Office staff and incorporated field fire personnel in the entire process. These reviews have been highly successful in the fact that employees from the field level can experience the process of a national review; these individuals can see and understand how their peers perform the same tasks and the National Office Staff maintains valuable field contacts. As a result many of the participants have recently been selected for task and subject matter expert groups relating to their area of expertise. This is a Win-Win situation for the Bureau's fire program.

Three states are scheduled for preparedness reviews for the 1999 fire year.

Colorado	May 16-28
Nevada	June 21-July 2
Montana	July 6-16

This opportunity is targeted for fire personnel at the operational level. Offices are encouraged to submit names for any of the reviews based on availability for the above timeframes. It is understood that individuals selected must commit for the entire timeframe. All travel, per diem, and overtime will be paid by the National Office.

Please include the following information with your nominations:

Name	Office	Position Expertise	Dates Available
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Please submit the above information to Paul Hefner via GROUPWISE or call 208-387-5169.

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